

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 23, 25-27 and 29-50 were previously pending in this application. Claims 35, 36, 39, 45, 46 and 49 have been amended. Claims 23, 25-27, 29-34, 37, 38, 40-44, 47, 48 and 50 are indicated as being allowed. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the specification have been made to paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 6 and page 8, line 20. These amendments are supported in the case as originally filed (see, for example, claims 6 and 7 as originally filed), as well as in parent application, U.S. Patent No. 6,706,165. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 35, 36, 39, 45, 46, and 49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Regarding claims 35, 36, 45 and 46, Applicant believes that the above-mentioned amendments to the specification now provide antecedent support and written description support under U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Without conceding to the correctness of the rejection, Applicant has amended claim 39 to recite in part “further comprising using the conductive pattern to form a structure having an aspect ratio greater than or equal to about 5”, which is supported in, for example, Example 8 of the specification.

Without conceding to the correctness of the rejection, claim 49 has been amended to recite in part “wherein at least a portion of the discontinuous metallic structure has an aspect ratio of greater than or equal to about 5”, which is supported in, for example, Example 8 of the specification.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejections on this ground is respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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